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MEMORANDUM FOR: PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD

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SUBJECT : Comments on PSB Draft Paper of 5/26/53 re the  
25 May 1953 meeting of Panel "I" to consider D-23.

1. It is suggested that sub-paragraph 1.c. become sub-paragraph 1.a. and that 1.a. and 1.b. become 1.b. and 1.c. respectively.

2. The following changes in the paragraphs as numbered in the paper are recommended:

a. Paragraph 1.b. - That the position summary be changed to read: "The State member rejects this concept, which the Staff considers basic to the Plan while the CIA member recommends modifications. CIA feels that while substantial overt indications of interest are important, U.S. participation should be to "activate" and "support" Thai efforts."

b. Paragraph 1.c. - That the second sentence of the position summary be changed to read, "Less formal, more flexible and less visible coordination machinery . . . is considered basic."

c. Paragraph 1.d. - That the word "strongly" be deleted from the first sentence. That the second sentence be changed to read, "The State member stated he would be unable to consider the item as formulated, and questioned whether decision on such a matter was within the competence of the PSB."

d. Paragraph 2.b. - That the section in parenthesis be deleted and the following substituted, "CIA feels that, in general, support to appropriate Thai information and PW media would be preferable to an expanded U.S. program."

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